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Vanuatu police to receive assistance from China

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Vanuatu's police force will receive assistance from its Chinese counterparts under a new initiative between the governments of the two countries.

The Prime Minister of Vanuatu, Ham Lini, has also secured more aid from China after a trip there to sign bilateral agreements in a number of areas including economic co-operation.

The director general of the Prime Minister's office, Jean Sese, says top officials from the Vanuatu police force will soon meet Chinese police officials to plan the assistance.

Mr Sese says China will help with training and logistical support.

"We still need to finalise the details requirement of the Vanuatu police force. It is important, it will complement the defence programmes that we already have with Australia, New Zealand, France and, to a certain extent, the US."

The director general of the Prime Minister's office, Jean Sese

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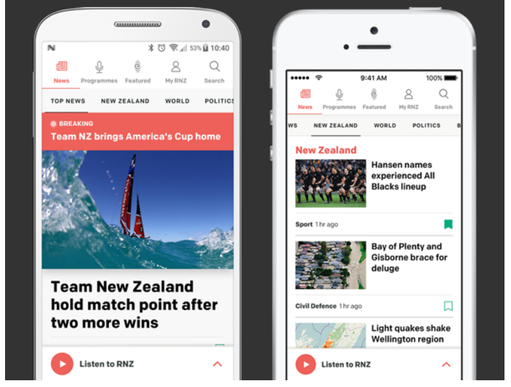

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